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1. On 14 April 1952, the founding session of the International Committee for the Promotion and Development of World Trade took place in Moscow. This is the key group in the recent Soviet drive to expand world trade and seems destined to handle most of the organizational and propaganda work connected with the drive.
2. Oscar Lange of Poland was chairman of the founding meeting [redacted] Initially, the World Trade Committee will be loosely organized. The General Secretary is charged with establishing a working office which includes the following personalities: Oscar Lange, [redacted] [redacted] Mr. M. V. Nesterov, USSR. In addition, he is empowered to call on all Committee members for support and invite them into the working conferences.
3. No agreement could be reached at the founding session on the location of the offices of the World Trade Committee. A proposal [redacted] to locate in Berlin was not accepted. In principle, it was agreed that it would be advantageous to establish the office in a "western country". Until such time as this point is settled, the address remains: Moscow, Kuibyshev 6.
4. Prior to the next session of the Committee, a budget must be prepared by the General Secretary for submission to the full Committee. It was agreed in principle that all countries would contribute to support the Committee according to their economic abilities. For the present, voluntary contributions are being solicited and each country is to consider how much it can donate. Specific organizational details such as the exact method of financing the Committee will be worked out at the second meeting.

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5. Among the first tasks of the Committee will be the printing and distribution of the texts of various speeches made at the World Economic Conference in Moscow, 3 - 10 April 1952. In addition, a pamphlet is being planned which will detail the goals of the Committee's drive to stimulate world trade, give a review of the various attempts which have been made to this end and evaluate the prospects for future action.
6. Lange's suggestion that the next meeting be held to coincide with the Leipzig Fair, in September 1952, was supported by the East German representative. No final decision was made on this, but the Secretary General was delegated to consider it, along with the other representatives of the working office. It was considered that, in addition to the Committee members, other participants in the World Economic Conference could be expected to reappear at Leipzig.<sup>2</sup>

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